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SUBJECT: GENSCHER DISCUSSION OF GERMAN GRAY AREA
PREFERENCES

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1. WE HAVE LEARNED, ON A VERY INFORMAL AND PERSONAL BASIS, THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING AROUND SEPTEMBER 1 BETWEEN HIMSELF AND A NUMBER OF GERMAN ARMS CONTROL EXPERTS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GATHERING, WE UNDERSTAND, WILL BE TO PREPARE GENSCHER FOR UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS OF GRAY AREA ISSUES WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, AND ALSO TO BRIEF HIM GENERALLY ON WHERE THE SUBJECT STANDS IN PREPARATION FOR THE PLANNED FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING (REFTEL).

2. BEFORE GENSCHER'S MEETING, THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR MAY HAVE OCCASION TO MEET WITH ONE OR TWO OF THE PERSONS WHOM GENSCHER HAS INVITED. AT THIS POINT, HE PLANS TO USE THE OCCASION NOT TO PRESS ANY SPECIFIC VIEW BUT MERELY TO SAY IN GENERAL TERMS THAT WE HOPE THE GERMAN DECISION PROCESS DOES NOT LEAD TO SUCH RIGID POSITIONS THAT LATER CONSULTATIONS WITH OURSELVES

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BECOME TOO NARROWLY FOCUSED. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO SUGGEST ANY OTHER PARTICULAR LINES, WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW BY BONN OPENING OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30.
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